

This is a list of all sources I could find about the Critter Crunch

Oct. 28, 1989: Critter Crunch, Mother of All Robot Battles

- <https://www.wired.com/2011/10/1028critter-crunch-robot-melee/>
- <https://web.archive.org/web/20260203012455/https://www.wired.com/2011/10/1028critter-crunch-robot-melee/>

This WIRED article contains the most detailed account we have of the first ever Critter Crunch. It claims the start date of the Critter Crunch as being 1989.

“Gearheads: The Turbulent Rise of Robotic Sports”

- <https://archive.org/details/gearheadsturbule00ston/page/14/mode/2up>
- https://www.google.co.uk/books/edition/_/VXf5IAEACAAJ?hl=en&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwi6xdv1rb6UAXFWUEAHYgPHzQQ8fIDegQIDRAH
- https://web.archive.org/web/20260516174742/https://www.google.co.uk/books/edition/_/VXf5IAEACAAJ?hl=en&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwi6xdv1rb6UAXFWUEAHYgPHzQQ8fIDegQIDRAH
- https://www.amazon.com/Gearheads-Turbulent-Rise-Robotic-Sports/dp/0743229517/ref=sr_1_1?dib=eyJ2IjojMSJ9.DRXasaQpsZhoYInENiLvGA.2zUCf_wdMB2WoCulvMFXuBfBLO4bHYZBV_a0TpsaiPI&dib_tag=se&keywords=9780743229517&linkCode=gs&qid=1778953444&s=books&sr=1-1

This is a book by journalist Brad Stone which details the history of robot combat prior to 2003. The book talks about the Critter Crunch on pages 14-16.

AIWAC

- <https://www.youtube.com/@AIWAC/videos>
- <https://web.archive.org/web/20260517093904/https://www.youtube.com/@AIWAC/videos>

AIWAC is a youtube channel that has uploaded footage of the Critter Crunch from 2015 to 2022.

Critter Crunch 2005

- https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLH2SK956z6RNJS_sqnJKOfNvKCJyrp3xi
- https://web.archive.org/web/20260517094309/https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLH2SK956z6RNJS_sqnJKOfNvKCJyrp3xi

This is a playlist of videos from the 2005 Critter Crunch at the Milehicon.

Critter Crunch 2009

- <https://www.youtube.com/@DrScience2001/videos>
- <https://web.archive.org/web/20260517095135/https://www.youtube.com/@DrScience2001/videos>

A youtube channel named DrScience2001 uploaded videos claiming to be of the 2009 Critter Crunch.

Sister Christian

- <https://www.youtube.com/@PeteCovert/search?query=sister%20christian>
- <https://web.archive.org/web/20260517095952/https://www.youtube.com/@PeteCovert/search?query=sister%20christian>

Sister Christian was a prominent robot at the Critter Crunch. Pete Covert, the guy who built it, has several videos about Sister Christian on his youtube channel.

“A Brief History of Robot Battles”

- <http://robotbattles.com/history.htm>
- <https://web.archive.org/web/20260210110231/http://robotbattles.com/history.htm>
- <https://archive.org/details/robot-battles-robotic-combat-competition>

This is a history of the competition “Robot Battles”. It was written by Kelly Lockhart, the founder of Robot Battles. I didn’t look too hard, but this is the only text based source I can find about the early history of Robot Battles.

“How I Inadvertently Became Part of Critter Crunch History.”

- <https://adpattersonauthor.wordpress.com/2018/11/02/how-i-inadvertently-became-part-of-critter-crunch-history/>
- <https://web.archive.org/web/20260405104524/https://adpattersonauthor.wordpress.com/2018/11/02/how-i-inadvertently-became-part-of-critter-crunch-history/>
- <https://archive.org/details/how-i-inadvertently-became-part-of-critter-crunch-history.-a.-d.-patterson-author>

This is an in person account of A. D. Patterson’s experience competing in the Critter Crunch for over a decade.

Denver Mad Scientists Club

- dmsc.org
- <https://web.archive.org/web/20061010034435/http://dmsc.org/>

The Denver Mad Scientists Club was the friend group who organised the Critter Crunch. This is a link to their website. The DMSC website doesn’t have anything on it anymore, but you can use the wayback machine to see what used to be on the website.

The Critter Crunch Rules (1997)

- <https://web.archive.org/web/20021004110408/http://www.milehicon.org/critrule.htm>
- <https://web.archive.org/web/20010410171745/http://www.enteract.com/~deb/capricon21/crunchrules.html>
- <https://capricon.org/capricon25/crunch.html>

This was the 1997 update to the Critter Crunch Rules. This was the earliest version of the rules that I can find, as the first ever version of the Critter Crunch Rules from the 1980s seems to have been lost to history.

The Critter Crunch Rules (2003)

- <http://www.musecon.org/history/Muse6/docs/CC%20Rules%2020160410.pdf>
- <https://capricon.org/capricon37/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/CritterCrunchRules.pdf>
- <https://capricon.org/capricon38/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/CCRules20150219.pdf>
- <https://www.capricon.org/capricon44/capricon37/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/CritterCrunchRules.pdf>
- <http://www.musecon.org/history/Muse6/docs/CC%20Rules%2020160410.pdf>
- <https://web.archive.org/web/20060209150502/http://www.milehicon.org/critrule.htm>

This was the 2003 update to the Critter Crunch Rules.

The Critter Crunch Rules (2016)

- https://web.archive.org/web/20221007192442/https://milehicon.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Critter_Crunch_3_3.pdf

This was the 2016 update to the Critter Crunch Rules. This was the last time the rules were ever updated.

Musecon 6

- <http://www.musecon.org/history/Muse6/index.php>
- <https://web.archive.org/web/20250624231708/http://www.musecon.org/history/Muse6/index.php>

Musecon 6 had a copy of the Critter Crunch rules on their website, so I assume they held a Critter Crunch, but I can't find any further evidence of that.

"Critter Crunch @ Capricon 37"

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GQ0-5pq6QP8>
- <https://archive.org/details/critter-crunch-capricon-37.publer.com>

A convention called Capricon held Critter Crunch events for a few years. This video is the only footage I can find that claims to be of the Capricon Critter Crunches. According to the title of the video, this is from Capricon 37, which would make this video from 2017.

"Dragon con - Robot Battles 1991"

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I_wLaaCys6c
- <https://archive.org/details/dragon-con-robot-battles-1991.publer.com>
- <https://www.youtube.com/@AtTheZebo>

This was a video of a Robot Combat event from 1991. According to the description of the video, it was referred to as a "Critter Crunch" event at the time, but the competition name was changed to "Robot Battles" after that.

Capricon

- <https://web.archive.org/web/20191020180227/https://guide.capricon.org/#>

This is the Capricon Website on the Wayback Machine. In order to find the Critter Crunch on the page of the Capricon website linked above, you have to go to the menu on the left and select "sunday" then scroll down till you find the Critter Crunch.

Milehicon

- <https://web.archive.org/web/20230528151126/https://milehicon.org/programming/critter-crunch/>
- <https://web.archive.org/web/20171204080642/http://www.milehicon.org/index.php/w hat-to-do/events/critter-crunch>

These are archived pages on the Milehicon website about the Critter Crunch.

Critter Crunch 2004

- <https://frontrangerobotics.org/CritterCrunch04/CritterCrunch04>
- <https://web.archive.org/web/20041125151938/https://frontrangerobotics.org/CritterCrunch04/CritterCrunch04>

The Front Range Robotics Club was a club for robotics nerds in Northern Colorado. They attended and wrote an account of the Milehicon Critter Crunch in 2004.

Critter Crunch 2005

- <https://web.archive.org/web/20080828081400/http://frontrangerobotics.org/CC05/CC05.html>

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Team Titanium

- <https://web.archive.org/web/20041203183801/http://team-titanium.com/>
- <https://web.archive.org/web/20041126140024/http://team-titanium.com/~ti-tan/>
- <https://web.archive.org/web/20041126170301/http://team-titanium.com/~ti-wrex/>

Team Titanium was a robot fighting team that competed at the Critter Crunch. This is their account of the 2003 Critter Crunch, which they won.

Critter Crunch flier, 2018

- <https://capricon.org/capricon38/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/CCPosterCapricon38-2018.pdf>
- <https://web.archive.org/web/20240808035241/https://capricon.org/capricon38/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/CCPosterCapricon38-2018.pdf>
- <https://archive.org/details/ccposter-capricon-38-2018>

This was a pamphlet advertising the Critter Crunch at the Capricon in 2018.

Other Capricon Critter Crunch pages

- <https://web.archive.org/web/20010220130720/http://www.enteract.com/~deb/capricon21/critter.html>
- <https://capricon.org/capricon24/events.php>
- <https://capricon.org/capricon24/critterCrunch.php>
- <https://web.archive.org/web/20211025074719/https://capricon.org/capricon24/critterCrunch.php>
- <https://web.archive.org/web/20211025073742/https://capricon.org/capricon24/events.php>

Here are a few more pages on the Capricon Website about the Critter Crunch.

Float-illa

<https://web.archive.org/web/20041024095621/http://www.milehicon.org/Flotilla36.htm>
<https://web.archive.org/web/20180613183937/http://milehicon.org/index.php/what-to-do/events/float-illa-in-the-pool>

The Float-illa was a model-boat race at the Milehicon, organised by John Morse, the same person who organised the Critter Crunch.